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Dear Mr. Kreindler:

Your letter of October 18, 1961 which requests investigation reports, exhibits, and other available material relating to the probable cause of the Sabena Airlines aircraft accident at Brussels on February 15, 1961, has been referred to this office.

As you are now aware based on the information supplied by the Civil Aeronautics Board, the investigation of this accident is under the complete jurisdiction of the Belgian Government. Information available to the Department indicates that the official inquiry into the probable cause is still in process. No official statement, report, or other material concerning the probable cause has been released by the Belgian authorities to our knowledge.

The Department expects to receive a copy of the final report on the investigation of this accident. Such a report is the only material we could normally expect to obtain in this case. However, investigations of such disasters usually require a considerable length of time before a final report is released by the appropriate authorities. In this particular case there has been no indication as to when the accident investigation will be terminated.

We will be pleased to advise you when a copy of the final report has been received by the Department.

Sincerely yours,

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